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The listed documents were cited in an Office Action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office relating to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/274,704 dated June 18, 2004. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (b)(3) before the first Office Action on the merits of the application.

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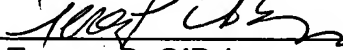
All of the documents are in English. The non-patent literature documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 include digital photographs of footballs with lacing obtained from U.S. retail stores in the Spring and Summer of 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**


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